



shelby bottoms nature center

Summer 2022 Events

On Repeat

These programs repeat weekly or monthly and may require registration. Please read the description below for more information.

First Wild Friday w/ **1st Friday** of the month
3 - 4 pm
All ages
No registration required



Join Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center at the Nature Center, and get to know some of the wild animals that can be found right outside your home. Each month, they will bring a different wildlife ambassador to feature.
Leader: [Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center](#)

**First Saturday
Bird Friendly Coffee**

1st Saturday of the month
All ages
No registration required



Coffee drinkers who enjoy Shelby Bottoms are welcome to join us for a free cup of some of the tastiest, shade-grown, [certified "Bird-Friendly" coffee](#) around. Learn about the connection between bird habitat, coffee, and you. *If the first Saturday falls on a holiday, we will celebrate the following Saturday...Iced Coffee in July/Aug.*
Host: Jim Hicks & SBNC Staff

**Second Saturdays
@ Stones River** **2nd Saturday** of the month
9 am - 12 pm
No registration required

Discover the [Stones River Greenway J. Percy Priest Dam Trailhead](#), Shelby's satellite nature and outdoor recreation center that includes a dog park, paved trails, paddling access on the Stones River, and more!

Nature Storytime

3rd Wednesday of the month
10 am
All ages
Registration required

We'll read a nature-themed book and we just might (we will) have a few puppet characters accompany our story. Maize the [Corn Snake](#) is definitely interested in attending the event and we will finish with a short discovery walk in the park!
Leaders: Maize the Corn Snake, Tim Id the (grounded) Flying Squirrel

Morning Bird Walks

June 11, For ages 18+
July 20, For ages 12+
August 27, For ages 18+
8 - 9:30 am
Ages vary (see above)
Registration required

Shelby Park & Bottoms is an Audubon Society designated "[Important Bird Area](#)" and offers a number of outstanding birdwatching habitats. Borrow a pair of our binoculars or bring your own! We will slowly walk to a few areas to use our eyes and ears in hopes of spotting birds. Summer is an exciting time in the park for learning about migrant birds who visit alongside resident birds. All levels of birders are welcome.
Leader: Cassy Dorff, Volunteer Naturalist

**Cornelia Fort
Pickin' Party**

June 11, July 16, Aug. 27
6 - 10 pm, All ages
[Tickets required](#)

This [family-friendly series](#) combines the tastes and talents of East Nashvillians to preserve and enhance Shelby Park and Shelby Bottoms once a month May-August: offering music from local bands, craft beer, wine, and food vendors.
All proceeds from the event series help fund projects in Shelby Park & Bottoms.



Volunteer Days

Various dates to be determined
Follow link for notifications

The Friends of Shelby Park & Bottoms hosts weekly volunteering across the many areas that make up East Nashville's largest urban park system: get notifications about upcoming volunteer projects http://www.friendsofshelby.org/sign_up.

Artist Spotlight

Deborah Flynt opens **June 14 - Late August**
Alex Lockwood closes **June 4 afternoon**
Yanira Vissepo hosts **June 4 afternoon**


Naturally East Nashville


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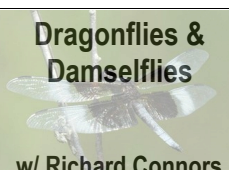

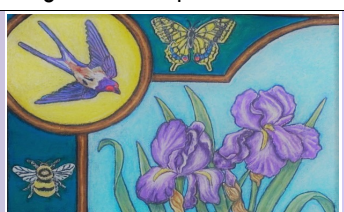
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Wed/Fri 12-4pm, Sun/Mon: Closed
Shelby Bottoms Greenway:
Dawn to dusk 365 days per year!

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June

Honeybee Watch "Bistro"	Saturday, June 4 10 - 11 am All ages No registration required	We welcome you to come and help yourself to a cup of the certified bird-friendly coffee and then join a naturalist outside for a viewing of the honeybee hives located on our campus. Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists
 Dragonflies & Damselflies w/ Richard Connors	Saturday, June 4 10 am - 12 pm Ages 12+ Registration required	Often overlooked, Odonates (dragonflies and damselflies) can frequently be seen around water, and Shelby Bottoms has plentiful waters to harbor these beautiful insects. Richard offers a wealth of knowledge in adult dragonflies, behaviors, and their habitats. www.pbase.com/rconnorsnaturephoto . Leader: Richard Connors, retired TN state biologist
 Printmaking with Yanira Vissepo	Saturday, June 4 12 - 4 pm All ages Registration required \$28.00 per person	In this workshop with teaching artist Yanira Vissepo, participants will acquire basic skills for designing and making their own patterned textile: students will sketch and create their own designs. Then, participants will use techniques such as block printing to transfer images onto fabric. Leader: Artist, Yanira Vissepo
Alex Lockwood Exhibit Closing	Saturday, June 4 3 - 4 pm All ages	It has been our pleasure to host this wonderful collection of art by local artist, Alex Lockwood . Join us for this closing reception for one last chance to see this unique display of art made from recycled plastic depicting local flora and fauna.
Water Wednesday	Wednesday, June 8 1 - 2 pm Ages 8+ Registration required	Learn about the importance of the natural resource that plays a huge role in our everyday lives! Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists
Naturally East Nashville Exhibiting: June 14 to end of August		This collection is an array of mixed-media art inspired by the nature, culture, and history that surround Shelby Park and Shelby Bottoms, plus various locations and things of interest that make up the web known as the East Nashville area. Artist: Deborah Flynt is a retired art educator and an East Nashvillian that often uses this area and its vibe as her muse.
Full "Berry" Moon Hike	Tuesday, June 14 8:30 - 9:30 pm All ages Registration required	This time of year brings us closer with the outdoors and the many luxuries it has to offer (longer days, warmer weather, lush green foliage, and blackberries throughout the park). Join us in observation of the full "strawberry" moon while we hike around a beautiful moonlit Shelby Bottoms Greenway! And if they are ripe, we may just pick a blackberry or two to sample. Leader: Christie Wiser

Closed Saturday, June 18 in observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day

World Make Music Day "Flower Pot Music" 	Tuesday, June 21 10 am All ages No registration required	Make Music is a free celebration of music around the world on June 21st. Launched in 1982 in France as the Fête de la Musique, it is now held on the same day in more than 1,000 cities in 120 countries. Completely different from a typical music festival, Make Music is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician - young and old, amateur and professional, of every musical persuasion - pours onto streets, parks, plazas, and porches to share their music with friends, neighbors, and strangers: all of it is free and open to the public.
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Summer Solstice Celebration	Tuesday, June 21 12 - 1 pm All ages No registration required	It's the first day of summer and we are commemorating it with fun nature activities, crafts, and lemonade! This is an open house style event. Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists
Afternoon Cloud Watching	Wednesday, June 22 2 - 3 pm All ages Registration required	Come join us for a lazy afternoon of cloud watching! We'll learn all about the different clouds in the sky during a peaceful stroll around our park's open fields. Then, we'll head to the inside for some cloud-themed crafts, and maybe a story. Leader: Shelby Miller, Seasonal Naturalist
National Pollinator Week: Shelby Bottoms Jr. Naturalist Activity	Saturday, June 25 10 - 11 am Ages 4+ Registration required	National Pollinator Week is June 20-26, 2022, and we will learn more about the diversity of insects and pollinators in Shelby Bottoms. We will also introduce our own site-specific <i>Junior Naturalist Activity Book</i> , and seek out a few mysteries and explore the nature center and surrounding areas in the park. Our workbook helps connect kids to the natural world, and we will help get you started! Leader: SBNC Seasonal Naturalists
Picking and Picking Some More	Saturday, June 25 1 - 3 pm All ages No registration required	Join us for some good old-fashioned back porch pickin'. All are welcome, including listeners, players, and singers. Share your favorite bluegrass, country, blues, old time, or any other tunes. And since it's wild blackberry season, we welcome you to come with a small container or sandwich bag for some berry picking on-campus! Host: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists



Sunset Blackberry Picking	Friday, July 1 7 - 8 pm All ages Registration required	Join us for a short stroll to harvest a modest amount of wild blackberries and to celebrate the summer season. We will learn ways to pick responsibly, and even get to sample some lemonade garnished with fresh blackberries! Leader: Christie Wiser
Gardens & Grounds	Saturday, July 2 10 - 11 am All ages No registration required	We welcome you to come and help yourself to a cup of certified bird-friendly coffee and then join a naturalist outside for a brief tour of the gardens that we tend located on our campus. Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists

Closed Tuesday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day

[Music City Hot Chicken Fest](#) Fourth of July



The annual Music City Hot Chicken Festival brings together the local community and visitors to celebrate the uniquely Nashville dish, Hot Chicken.
The FREE event is held in [East Park](#) on July 4th each year: 12 - 4 PM.
All proceeds from the festival benefit the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms.

Insect Picnic Party	Saturday, July 9 12 - 1 pm All ages Registration required	Insects are not always welcomed to picnics, but we will be inviting them for this one! Bring your bagged lunch for an informal hour of learning and exploring around our campus for the exciting insects that call this park home. Leader: Christie Wiser & Seasonal Naturalists Libby Williams & Emma Hughes
Early Morning Birdwatching	Friday, July 15 7 - 8 am Ages 10+ Registration required	When the sun rises, so do the birds! Earlier morning is the best time to see the wide diversity of birds in Shelby Bottoms, especially for migrants that pass through during the summer. Come and join us for an early morning birding to beat the July heat, and to listen to the early songs of birds in the forest. Let's see what we can find! Leader: Shelby Miller, Seasonal Naturalist



Summer Moonlight Hike

Friday, July 15
8:30 - 9:30 pm
All ages
Registration required

Join us for one of our popular night programs where we circle the one mile loop, listen for sounds of wildlife, and moon gaze!

Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists

Shelby Bottoms Jr. Naturalist Activity "Swarms"

Saturday, July 23
9 - 10 am
All ages
No registration required

Swarms - it sounds spooky but join us to learn about how wildlife utilize "power in numbers." We will also introduce our own site-specific *junior naturalist activity book*, and seek out a few mysteries and explore the nature center and surrounding areas in the park. Our workbook helps connect kids to the natural world, and we will help get you started!

Leader: Lena Friedman & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists

August

Dusky Stroll

Wednesday, August 3
7 - 8 pm
All ages
Registration required

Dusk at Shelby Bottoms is when all the crepuscular animals come out to play. Sunset is around 8:00 pm, so we will walk around one of Shelby Bottom's one-mile loops and catch the final rays of the sun as the bullfrogs start to sing, and the bats, owls, and deer come out to play.
Leader: Shelby Miller, Seasonal Naturalist

Butterfly Brunch

Saturday, August 6
11 am - 12 pm
All ages
Registration required

We welcome you to come and help yourself to a cup of certified bird-friendly coffee and then join a naturalist outside for an exploration of the butterflies that feed on the pollinator plants located all around our campus.
Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists

Summer Full Moon Mosey

Thursday, August 11
8:30 - 9:30 pm
All ages
Registration required

Join us for one of our popular night programs where we meander the one mile loop, listen for sounds of wildlife, and moon gaze!

Leader: Christie Wiser

National Honey Bee Day



Saturday, August 20
1 - 2:30 pm
All ages
Registration required

Drop by the nature center for a chance to learn more about honeybees and their important role! You can view our very own honeybee hives, sample local honey, and make a fun craft.
Leader: Christie Wiser & SBNC Seasonal Naturalists

Sunset Shuffle

Friday, August 26
7 - 8 pm
All ages
Registration required

Join us for a hike around the one mile loop while the sun sets over beautiful Shelby Bottoms!

Leader: Christie Wiser

Late August - September

Wildflower Blooms

Butterflies and Moths


Migrating Birds


Hummingbird Frenzy



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